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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Debasis Majumdar, et al

SMECTITE CLAY INTERCALATED  
WITH POLYETHER BLOCK  
POLYAMIDE COPOLYMER

Serial No. 10/008,810

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**Amendment**  
In response to the Office Action mailed 05/22/2006, please amend  
the above-identified application without prejudice as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on

page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.